

# Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program Funded Projects – 2004



The Old Trails Garage in Kingman, Arizona, has received cost-share funds toward the repair/replacement of the original corrugated metal roof.



Cost-share funds have been provided to the Desert Sun Motel in Winslow, Arizona to assist with the repair/replacement of the original shingle roof.



Cost-share funds have been provided to the University of Arizona to help support the educational dramatic production of *Route 66: A Celebration of America's Main Street*.

## Arizona

**Project:** Old Trails Garage Roof Replacement  
**Recipient:** Private Owner  
**Amount:** \$10,000 NPS, \$10,000 match

Funding has been awarded for the repair/replacement of the roof of the 1915 Old Trails Garage in Kingman, Arizona. The roof replacement is part of a larger initiative by the owner to restore the building to its 1920s appearance. Historically, the building served as a car dealership and garage for travelers on the Old Trails Highway, and later Route 66. The current owner has worked in the building since the 1930s, and has owned and operated it as a garage since 1979. The building lies within the Kingman Historic Commercial District, which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1986.

**Project:** Desert Sun Motel Roof Replacement  
**Recipient:** Private Owners  
**Amount:** \$10,000 NPS, \$25,200 match

The owners of the Desert Sun Motel in Winslow, Arizona, have received funding to assist with the repair/replacement of the original shingle roof of the motel. Built in 1953, the motel has provided overnight lodging to Route 66 travelers ever since. The new owners have long-term plans to restore the building as a fine example of a "mom and pop" motel offering friendly service and cozy budget rooms for daily, weekly, or monthly stays.

**Project:** Live Theatre Production and Tour  
**Recipient:** Northern Arizona University  
**Amount:** \$1,000 NPS, \$1,000 match

The Northern Arizona University Department of Theatre has been awarded funds to help promote and support the touring dramatic production, *Route 66: A Celebration of America's Main Street*. The production is an interpretive and educational venue that celebrates the experience of travel during the heyday of Route 66, tells the highway's history, and examines its historical and cultural significance in American history.

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Cost-share funds have been provided to assist with a comprehensive survey of historic Route 66 properties in California, in order to identify and prioritize significant and/or endangered properties. (Photo: Colorado Street bridge in Pasadena, California.)

## California

**Project:** Comprehensive Survey of California Route 66  
**Recipient:** Center for Preservation Education and Planning  
**Amount:** \$15,000 NPS, \$15,000 match

The Center for Preservation Education and Planning in Los Angeles, California, has received funding to administer the comprehensive survey of Route 66 historic properties in the State of California. Historic Route 66 properties will be surveyed to create a comprehensive database of historic Route 66 resources. Inventories are the foundation of effective resource management, and will help to identify preservation needs and resources eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.



The Soulsby Station Society will receive funds to complete the restoration of the Soulsby Station in Mt. Olive, Illinois.

## Illinois

**Project:** Soulsby's Station  
**Recipient:** Soulsby Station Society  
**Amount:** \$10,000 NPS, \$10,000 match

The Soulsby Station Society has received funds to help complete restoration of the Soulsby Station in Mt. Olive, Illinois. This will include roof, ceiling, wall, floor, and electrical system repairs. The station's history and architecture are excellent examples of the many "mom and pop" enterprises that flourished for decades on Route 66. Built in the 1920s, the station was family owned and operated until 1991. It served simultaneously as a gas station and TV repair shop during much of that time. The current owner and the Soulsby Station Society are restoring the building to its historic appearance for the enjoyment of the local community and travelers along Route 66. The building was recently placed on the National Register of Historic Places.



This historic photo of the Palms Grill Cafe in Atlanta, Illinois, shows the cafe during its heyday. Funds have been awarded for the development of a restoration plan for the cafe.

**Project:** Palms Grill Cafe Preservation Plan  
**Recipient:** Atlanta Public Library District & Museum Board  
**Amount:** \$8,000 NPS, \$8,000 match

Atlanta Public Library District & Museum Board has received funds to complete a Historic Structures Report and restoration plan for the historic Palms Grill Cafe in Atlanta, Illinois. Constructed in 1867, the building went into service as a cafe in 1934. For 30-plus years it served in that capacity feeding local residents and highway travelers alike. It also served as a Greyhound Bus Stop, furthering the connection of the small town of Atlanta to the larger world. The Atlanta Public Library District & Museum Board has plans to restore the exterior and interior of the cafe to its 1940s appearance.



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The kitchen of the historic Red Cedar Inn in Pacific, Missouri, will be rehabilitated with assistance of program cost-share grant funds.

### Missouri

**Project:** Red Cedar Inn Kitchen Rehabilitation  
**Recipient:** Private Owner  
**Amount:** \$11,237 NPS, \$11,237 match

The Red Cedar Inn in Pacific, Missouri, has been awarded funds toward the rehabilitation of the kitchen area, which will allow for current code requirements to be met. The Red Cedar Inn was built in 1934 to take advantage of the commercial opportunities that US 66 brought to its doorstep. Always operating as a restaurant, it is still a popular dining spot on the route today. The building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2003.



The neon sign of Del's Restaurant in Tucumcari, New Mexico will be restored to operating condition.

### New Mexico

**Project:** Del's Restaurant Neon Sign Rehabilitation  
**Recipient:** Private Owner  
**Amount:** \$3,385 NPS, \$3,385 match

The owner of Del's Restaurant in Tucumcari, New Mexico has been awarded funds toward the rehabilitation of the neon sign. Project work will include painting of the sign, and restoring its incandescent and neon lighting. The restaurant was built in the 1950s, and has been a favorite roadhouse for locals and travelers ever since. The restaurant sign is particularly notable for the Hereford cow that stands on top of it.

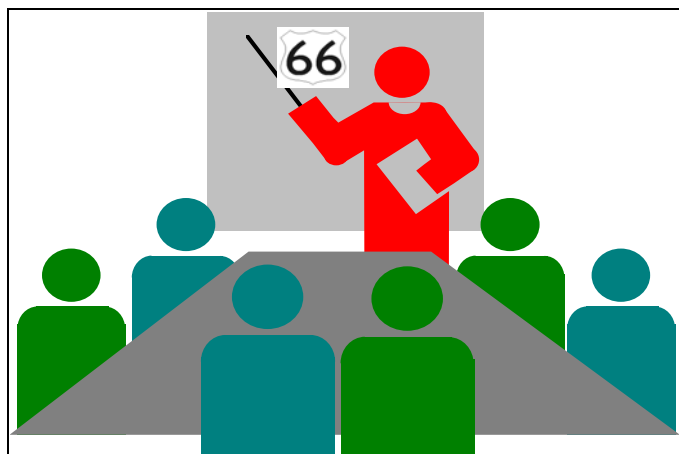


The Lexington Hotel in Gallup, New Mexico has received funds for the rehabilitation of the windows and electrical system.

**Project:** Lexington Hotel Rehabilitation  
**Recipient:** Private Owner  
**Amount:** \$10,109 NPS, \$10,109 match

The owners of the Lexington Hotel in Gallup, New Mexico have been awarded cost-share grant funds for the rehabilitation of the hotel's store front windows, main entrance awning, south side windows, and electrical system. The hotel was built on Route 66 in 1931, and has remained in service as a hotel throughout much of its history. Special features of the hotel include three WPA murals in the hotel lobby. Saved from the wrecking ball by its current owners, the hotel is slowly being restored while remaining in service as a residential hotel.

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The Route 66 Oral History Project – Phase III will complete the last year of a comprehensive oral history training, research, and archival management initiative.

## New Mexico (continued)

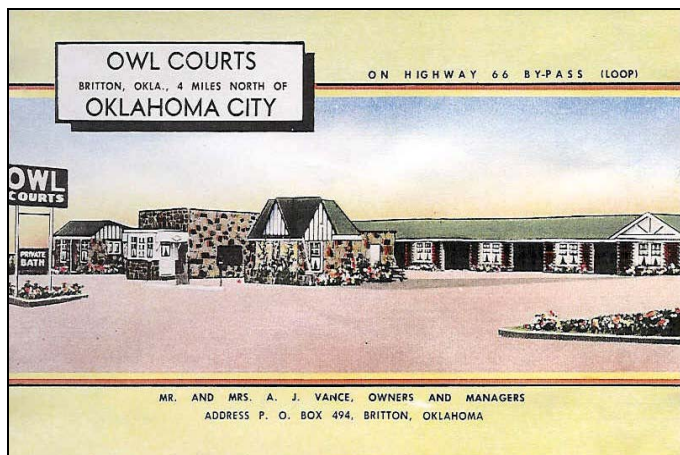
**Project:** Route 66 Oral History Project – Phase III  
**Recipient:** New Mexico Route 66 Association  
**Amount:** \$15,900 NPS, \$15,900 match

The New Mexico Route 66 Association in partnership with the University Of New Mexico Department Of English will complete the final year of a three year Route 66 oral history program. During Phase I of the project, workshops were conducted in seven states to train attendees in oral history interviews, collections, and management. In Phases II and III, the project has and will provide follow-up technical assistance; locate and catalog existing interviews; preserve select, endangered interviews; produce an oral history collection guide; and identify institutions interested in participating in a national, coordinated system of Route 66 oral history collections.

## Oklahoma

**Project:** Owl Courts Roof Rehabilitation  
**Recipient:** Private Owner  
**Amount:** \$9,553 NPS, \$9,553 match

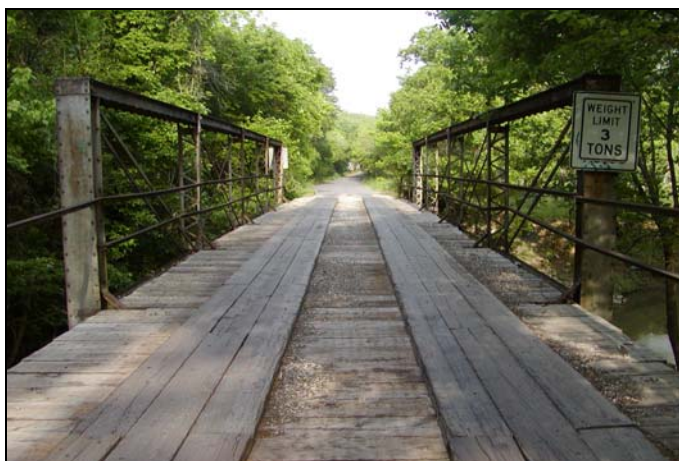
The roofs over the cafe and motel of the Owl Courts in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, will be repaired/replaced with cost-share grant assistance. The Owl Courts was constructed in the early 1930s to cater to travelers on the newly designated 1931 Route 66 bypass around Oklahoma City. The Owl Courts complex consisted of a gas station, motel, and cafe until the 1970s when the property was converted to apartments. The current owner rescued the property at auction, and has plans to restore the property to operating condition for the enjoyment of heritage tourists on Route 66.



Cost-share grant funds will assist with the repair/replacement of a new roof over the motel and cafe of the Owl Courts in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

**Project:** Route 66 Road Preservation Project  
**Recipient:** Paul Daniel Marriott & Associates  
**Amount:** \$12,000 NPS, \$12,000 match

Paul Daniel Marriott & Associates will administer a pilot project to develop standards, practices, and protocols for preserving historic roadbeds and associated structures along the length of Route 66. This pilot project will focus on Oklahoma for the large number of high integrity road segments that the state possesses. The project will emphasize 20 road segments and 25 bridges that have been determined eligible, or are listed on the National Register in Oklahoma. It is anticipated that the methodologies and protocols developed will be applicable for future work in the other seven states through which Route 66 passes.



A pilot project will develop protocols for protecting and managing the historically significant road segments, bridges, and road features of Route 66. (Photo: Bedstead pony truss bridge over Spunky Creek in Catoosa, Oklahoma.)

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A 1939 Chevron gas station in Amarillo, Texas, has been awarded funds for the rehabilitation of the roof, walls, canopy, and neon lighting.

### Texas

**Project:** Sixth Street Chevron Station Restoration  
**Recipient:** Private Owner  
**Amount:** \$5,000 NPS, \$6,565 match

The owner of a 1939 Chevron gas station has received funds toward the restoration of the station located on Sixth Street in Amarillo, Texas. Work will include repairs to the roof, north and west exterior walls, and the tin ceiling and neon lighting of the canopy. The station served continuously as a Chevron station until 1962, when it closed to host various others businesses, including an auto body shop. After a long period of vacancy and decay, the current owner purchased the property and has been working to restore it ever since. Located in the heart of a busy commercial district in Amarillo, the property will serve as a business office, while maintaining its historic floor plan and appearance.